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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Gene Petersen of Bloomington, who passed away on January 31, 2015; and

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WHEREAS, Gene Petersen was born on March 8, 1925 in Chicago; his parents were Harry and Eugenia Fagan Petersen; he married Cathryn Hemmele on May 1, 1945 in Bloomington; and

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WHEREAS, Gene Petersen was a graduate of Trinity High School (now Central Catholic High School); and

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WHEREAS, During World War II, Gene Petersen was a pilot of a B-17 Flying Fortress; he flew 35 combat missions over Europe and was a 5-time recipient of the Air Medal; and

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WHEREAS, Gene Petersen retired from General Electric in 1988 after many years of service; and

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WHEREAS, Gene Petersen was a member of Holy Trinity Catholic Church and had been active in many parish organizations, including the St. Raphael Society, the Christian Family Movement, Pre-Cana, and the Boy Scouts; he was also a member of the Knights of Columbus and the American Legion; and

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1 WHEREAS, Gene Petersen was preceded in death by a brother,
2 Harry Petersen, and a son-in-law, William Hundman; and

3 WHEREAS, Gene Petersen is survived by his wife, Cathryn; 7
4 children, Eugene (Karen) Petersen, Jim (Helen) Petersen, Steve
5 (Anne) Petersen, Cathy Hundman, John (Toni) Petersen, Mike
6 (Joan) Petersen, and Margie (Brian) Knutson; 18 grandchildren;
7 23 great-grandchildren; a sister, Mary Conroy; and a brother,
8 Tom (Margaret) Petersen; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL
10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we, along with his
11 family and friends, mourn the passing of Gene Petersen; and be
12 it further

13 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
14 presented to the family of Gene Petersen as an expression of
15 our sympathy.